



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ARCADIA, FLORIDA

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 46:7 NRSV

REV. DR. WINSTON LAWSON

Organized August 28, 1898

PRELUDE: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(arr.) Lloyd Larson

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VERSE OF PREPARATION

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Lord is in His Holy Temple*

George Root

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder Judie Neeley

We come to this place to search for God,

but God is already searching for us.

We come to this place to speak to God,

but God is already speaking to us.

Let us worship and listen for God,

who calls us together and leads us home.

***SONG OF PRAISE:** *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

No. 82

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

O Lord, you love and care for us, the sheep of your fold.

**You provide for us and nurture us with the food of your presence
and the waters of your grace.**

Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we did not need your love.

Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we could live this life on our own.

Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a gentle word and a reminder of your promises.

**Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a shepherd's crook and a glimpse of your
providence.**

For we fear we cannot find our way home without the sound of your voice to guide us.

(a moment for silent personal confession)

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

***RESPONDING WITH PRAISE:** To God Be the Glory

No. 66

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed*

A MOMENT WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Elder Mitzie McGavic

ANTHEM: *We Worship As One*

Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *Psalm 27:1-6 // Acts 2:42-47*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: *Characteristics of the Church Part Two*

Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson

***HYMN:** *Just As I Am*

No. 354

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

No. 34

***HYMN:** *Lord I Want to be A Christian*

No. 457

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE:** *Three Fold Amen*

Danish

POSTLUDE: *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

(arr.) Lloyd Larson

EVERYONE is invited to stay for the closing Postlude, and to a time of fellowship with lemonade and cookies in the breezeway.

Please keep Rich and Jean Borsmann in your prayers as Rich's sister Jane Cilkes passed away. Also keep her husband Al and son Brian in your prayers as well.

We would like to thank Albert Ralls for filling in last Sunday and this Sunday while Charles is recovering. Our prayers are with you Charles.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Alan Adams
Clerk of Session	Elder Dave Bremer
Music Director	Genie Martin
Organist	Charles Dirr
Treasurer	Elder Edward Maassen
Sound Technicians	Elders Tyler Maassen & Skip West
Office Manager	Karen Cassels

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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

FPC MEMBERS

Alan Adams, Jane Campbell, Rev. Frank Gready, Lorena Mee, Jerry Nathe, Candy Reid and Paul Whitlock.

FPC—FAMILY/FRIENDS

George Adams (Pastor Alans' father), Tucker Adkins, Rich & Jean Borsmann, Marie Browning, Jana Carpenter (Scott & Linda Carpenters' daughter), Brian Clemons, Debi Collins (Jan LoPortos' friend), Darlina Conerly (Jan Hancocks' friend), Victoria Cross, Rick & Pam Dodd, Carrie Evans, Roger Evans, Rusty Garner, Sherri Harris, Amy Latimer, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' granddaughter, Cary Mercer, Karen Mercer, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), John O'Neal (Jan LoPortos' friend) Linda R. (Carlas' friend), Camila Shea, Bob Simmons and Megan Simmons, Linda Summers, Sherrie Turner and Margaret Varnadore.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, Brent Mayo, Cole Overcash and Wilda Smith. If you have a military family member and would like to add them to our list, please call the church office at 494-4434.

Session

2019	2020	2021
Donnie Knoche	Dave Bremer	Beth Liszak
Jill Maassen	Johnny Maassen	Mitzie McGavic
Carol Treadwell	Mac Martin	Judie Neeley
Judy Kirkpatrick	MaryAnn Treadwell	Skip West

ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way	Paul Whitlock	David Holloman
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OUR CHURCH AT WORK

Welcome to our worship service! We invite you to sign the friendship pads so we can stay connected with everyone. **Visitors**, please be sure to include your **email address** so that we can add you to our weekly newsletter.

Sunday: Sept 15th

- 9:45** Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Morning Worship Collection of Children's Coins
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway

Monday: Sept 16th

- 9:00** Monday Morning Ladies (Duplex)
- 12:00** Men's Luncheon at Country Café'
- 5:30** Session Meeting (Duplex)

Wednesday: Sept 18th

- 6:00** Family Supper
- 6:30** HandBell Practice
- 7:15** Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday: Sept 22nd

- 9:45** Sunday School All Ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Worship
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway

Attendance Last Week	41
Offering Last Week	\$ 6,993.25
Memorials collected year to date	\$ 2,360.00
Offering collected year to date	\$ 152,582.85
YTD Expenses	\$ 131,488.47